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DHSS Proposes to Readopt N.J.A.C. 8:57B, the Rules Governing the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund

The Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health in the Public Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Branch of the Department of Health and Senior Services is proposing to readopt without change N.J.A.C. 8:57B, the rules governing the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund (Fund).

The Fund is a separate, nonlapsing, revolving account that pays for hepatitis B inoculations for certain health and safety workers. The source of the Fund is a statutorily defined percentage of proceeds collected from property forfeiture and cash seizures. The Division administers the Fund to assist municipalities with expenses incurred in providing hepatitis B inoculations to certain emergency medical technicians, firefighters, and police officers.

The proposal appears in the September 6, 2005 issue of the New Jersey Register. The public has until November 5, 2005 to comment on the proposal.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must submit their comments in writing to Katherine Wytovich, Chief, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program, Division of Epidemiology, Environmental, and Occupational Health, Public Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Branch, the Department of Health and Senior Services, P O Box 369, Trenton, NJ 08625-0369, Fax (609) 588-3642.

Written comments must be postmarked or sent by telefacsimile on or before September 6, 2005, which is the close of the 60-day public comment period.

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